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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **EVENTS PLANNED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION 2006**

#### **MISSOULA—**

Several events are scheduled at The University of Montana and in the Missoula community to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. The activities are free unless otherwise noted.

A community rally and march will be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 16. Community members will gather at Caras Park at 5 p.m. to reflect upon King's legacy. Darrell Jackson, UM associate professor of biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences, will speak at the Caras Park rally, and Amy Martin will provide music.

A march to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 202 Brooks, follows the Caras Park rally. Then at 5:45 p.m. a program will be held at the church featuring George Price, UM adjunct professor of Native American Studies. The Missoula Women's Chorus will provide music, and childcare will be available in the church basement.

On Monday, Jan. 30, Orlando Patterson, John Cowles Professor of Sociology at Harvard University, will present an afternoon lecture from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in UM's Gallagher Business Building Room 123. At 8 p.m. that evening in the University Theatre, Patterson also will give the next installment of UM's President's Lecture Series, "The Privatization of Freedom in America: What It Means for Individuals and

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Democracy.” These events are held in conjunction with UM’s Martin Luther King Jr. Committee.

“In the Heat of the Night,” the 1967 film starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger, will be shown at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31, in the University Center Theater.

Vernon Burton, University Distinguished Teacher/Scholar at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, will present “Where and How ‘Brown v. Board’ Began: Two Reconstructions and Historical Memory” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Burton is the author of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated “In My Father’s House Are Many Mansions.”

The Keeping the Dream Alive “Sunday Dinner,” a fund-raiser for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Parkside in the Wilma Theatre. Tickets for the event, a traditional “Sunday Dinner”-style meal featuring African and African-American dishes prepared by Murray Pierce, cost \$30. Music will be provided by Eden Atwood.

“Sunday Dinner” tickets can be purchased at Worden’s Market, Rockin Rudy’s and the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center.

For more information about any of these events, call Cathleen Collins in the UM President’s Office at (406) 243-2311 or e-mail her at [cathleen.collins@mso.umt.edu](mailto:cathleen.collins@mso.umt.edu).

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